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ANNUAL SANITARY REPORT

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U. S. FLEET HOSPITAL NUMBER ONE HUNDRED AND SIX (106)
(Formerly U.S. Naval Mobile Hospital No. 6)

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ANNUAL SANITARY REPORT FOR 1944

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FOREWARD

The year 1943 ended with 747 patients remaining in the hospital in 18 completed wards. Construction continued, priority being given to completing wards, S.O.Q., Main surgery, occupational therapy and Red Cross building, administration and ship's service, in the order named. It should be noted that these buildings were constructed by New Zealand labor and material and completion was slow due to scarcity of materials and man power. Some of these buildings were of permanent construction and were eventually to form a part of the Auckland School program. These buildings naturally took much longer to build.

Early in the year, when it became evident that the war was moving away from the South Pacific and that the hospital would soon close, work on the two main operating rooms, the orthopedic operating room, physiotherapy department, the two large surgical wards, and a second S.O.Q. building was stopped.

The first S.O.Q. building was completed and opened March 3, 1944. It contained 60 beds, each room containing one or two beds with connecting utility. Some rooms were equipped with private bath. The number of beds was more than adequate.

On 18 February, 1944 the patient census was 782, which represented the greatest number of patients in the hospital at any one time. This number gradually decreased until, on May 10, 1944, there were only 420 patients in the hospital. On this date, all patients except 11 of staff were transferred elsewhere and preparations for dismantling were begun.

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In due time, all mobile equipment and supplies were packed, crated and shipped to Naval Advanced Base, Navy 131. There storage was obtained and staging commenced in preparation for forward movement.

On June 12, 1944, word was received changing the name of the hospital from U.S. Naval Mobile Hospital No.6, to U.S. Fleet Hospital No. 106.

Paragraph One

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PERSONNEL STATISTICAL DATA

Number attached in duty status on date of report:

(a) Officers	5
(b) Enlisted men	11
(c) Nurses	0

Average strength, duty personnel, for period of report:

(a) Officers	22
(b) Enlisted men	220
(c) Nurses	23

Number of patients for period covered by report:

(a) Officers	15
(b) Enlisted men	1107
(c) Nurses	13

Average strength, duty personnel, for period from 1 January, 1944,
to 10 May, 1944. (Full Commission)

(a) Officers	46
(b) Enlisted Men	447
(c) Nurses	56

Paragraph Two
Statistical Data for:

TABLE ONE

DUTY PERSONNEL

CAUSES	OFFICERS				ENLISTED MEN			
	Admis-	A	Deaths	Sick	Admis-	A	Deaths	Sick
	sions.	C		Days.	sions.	C		Days.
		D				D		
All Causes	14	0	0	169	141	2	0	1258
Diseases only.....	14	0	0	169	123	2	0	1103
Accidents and injuries other than drownings	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	150
Drownings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poisonings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Communicable diseases:								
Angina, Vincent's	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
Bronchitis, acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catarrhal fever, acute	2	0	0	4	18	0	0	119
Cellulitis	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	31
Cerebrospinal fever (meningococcus).....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebrospinal meningitis (pneumococcus, streptococcus)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery, amoebic	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery, bacillary.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chickenpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dengue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis, lethargic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
German measles.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria (all Forms)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid fevers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia, broncho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia, lobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis, anterior, acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet fever.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Small-pox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonsillitis, acute	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	52
Typhoid fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (all forms) ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venereal disease (all):								
Chancroid infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gonococcus infection	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vertebral acuminata	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lymphogranuloma, inguinale .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
And other communicable disease which has occurred or any noncommunicable disease or injury important enough to receive separate mention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Paragraph Two
Statistical data for:
DUTY PERSONNEL (NURSES)

TABLE ONE

CAUSES	NURSES		Deaths	Sick Days.	
	Admis- sions.	A D			
All Causes	13	0	0	113	
Diseases only	11	0	0	104	
Accidents and injuries other than drownings	2	0	0	9	
Drownings	0	0	0	0	
Poisonings	0	0	0	0	
Communicable diseases:					
Angina, Vincent's	0	0	0	0	
Bronchitis, acute	1	0	0	0	
Catarrhal fever, acute	2	0	0	22	
Cellulitis	0	0	0	0	
Cerebrospinal fever	0	0	0	0	
(meningococcus)					
Cerebrospinal meningitis	0	0	0	0	
(pneumococcus, streptococcus)					
Dysentery, amoebic	0	0	0	0	
Dysentery, bacillary	0	0	0	0	
Chickenpox	0	0	0	0	
Dengue	0	0	0	0	
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	
Encephalitis, lethargic	0	0	0	0	
Influenza	0	0	0	0	
German measles	0	0	0	0	
Malaria (all forms)	3	0	0	44	
Measles	0	0	0	0	
Mumps	0	0	0	0	
Paratyphoid fevers	0	0	0	0	
Pneumonia, broncho	0	0	0	0	
Pneumonia, lobar	0	0	0	0	
Poliomyelitis, anterior, acute	0	0	0	0	
Scarlet fever	0	0	0	0	
Small pox	0	0	0	0	
Tonsillitis, acute	1	0	0	12	
Typhoid fever	0	0	0	0	
Whooping cough	0	0	0	0	
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0	0	0	0	
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	0	0	0	0	
Venereal disease (all):					
Chancroid infection	0	0	0	0	
Gonococcus infection	0	0	0	0	
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	
Verruca acuminata	0	0	0	0	
Lymphogranuloma inguinale	0	0	0	0	
Any other communicable disease which has occurred or any noncommunicable Disease or injury important enough to receive separate mention	0	0	0	0	

Paragraph Three
Statistical Data for:

TABLE ONE

PATIENTS

CAUSES	OFFICERS				ENLISTED MEN			
	Admis-	A	Deaths	Sick	Admis-	A	Deaths	SICK
	sions.	C		Days.	sions.	C		Days.
		D				D		
All Causes	0	1	0	11	127	6	1	1416
Diseases only	0	1	0	11	116	4	1	1278
Accidents and injuries other than drownings	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	137
Drownings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poisonings	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Communicable diseases:								
Angina, Vincent's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bronchitis, acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catarrhal fever, acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cellulitis	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	14
Cerebrospinal fever (meningococcus)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebrospinal meningitis (pneumococcus, streptococcus)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery, amoebic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery, bacillary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chickenpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dengue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis, lethargic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
German measles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malaria (all forms)	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	640
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paratyphoid fevers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia, broncho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia, lobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis, anterior, acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonsillitis, acute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis (all forms)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venereal disease (all):								
Chancroid infection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gonococcus infection	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	38
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Verruca acuminata	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lymphogranuloma inguinale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other communicable disease which has occurred or any noncommunicable disease or injury important enough to receive separate mention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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EPIDEMIOLOGICAL FACTS

PARAGRAPH FOUR (4).

The health of the Officers, Nurses, and Crew has been excellent. Three Nurses, who had previously been in a Malaria Area but had never suffered any attacks while in that area, were admitted with Malaria.

The venereal rate was very low. There were only nine (9) cases admitted, all diagnosed as Gonococcus Infection, Urethra. Of these nine (9) admissions, four (4) were members of the staff, and five (5) were patients. Sulphathiozole prophylaxis was used.

There were no Communicable diseases or food poisoning cases reported. Patients received from the forward area were, as a whole, correctly diagnosed.

The character of the personnel has been good. Minor infractions were committed by a very few. There was one General Court Martial for theft resulting in conviction. This man was a member of the staff and was a Hospital Apprentice, first class, U.S.N.R.

PARAGRAPH FIVE (5).

TOPOGRAPHY

Since the last report, about 95% of the roads were tar sealed and covered with crushed stone. Cement curbing was installed on all roads.

Landscaping has progressed rapidly, with well cared for lawns, shrubbery, and flower gardens. A large recreation field was completed for the Crew.

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PARAGRAPH SIX (6).

BUILDINGS

The following buildings were completed since the last report. Each building has been adequately described previously.

<u>COMPLETED AFTER LAST REPORT.</u>		<u>TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION.</u>
Administration	1	Permanent.
Sick Officers' Quarters	1	Temporary.
X-Ray	1	Permanent.
Garage and Fire House	1	Temporary.
Laundry	1	Temporary.
Ship's Service	1	Temporary.
Red Cross and Occupational Therapy	1	Temporary.
Nurses' Quarters	1	Temporary.
Chief Petty Officers' Club	1	Temporary.

PARAGRAPH SEVEN (7)

WARDS, OFFICES, OPERATING ROOM, QUARTERS, ETC.

Wards, Offices, Operating Room, Quarters, etc. have been previously described.

The heating and ventilation of all wards, etc. considered fully adequate.

PARAGRAPH EIGHT (8).

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, LINEN, ETC.

The equipment, furniture, linen, etc., furnished this unit were found to be quite adequate and satisfactory except Hospital blankets and the bake shop ovens. However, the shortage of blankets was corrected by the purchase through reverse Lend-Lease of blankets from the New Zealand Government.

Three of the four ovens in the bake shop were of very inferior make.

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and were in constant need of repair.

PARAGRAPH NINE (9).

FOOD

The quantity and quality of the food was excellent despite the rationing of meat, eggs, some fruits and vegetables. Wholesome, well-balanced meals of a wide variety were served. Fish was served once per week. The four cafeteria lines were on a "self-serve" arrangement. Hence, the amount of food wasted was very negligible.

The area originally intended as the Special Diet Kitchen was completed but had to be utilized by the Laboratory. The diet kitchen on one of the wards was satisfactorily arranged for the preparation of the required special diets.

Food required for regular diets to be served on the wards was rationed from a special steam table installed at the one end of the galley and delivered to the ward diet kitchens for preparation and serving.

It was possible to provide the patients with a sufficient amount of fruit juices, fresh fruit, fresh milk, and cocoa. The resultant gain in weight in those patients who had been without these items for many months was very gratifying.

Screening of all windows and doors in the Commissary Department was slow due to the small quantities being shipped out from the States, but was eventually accomplished. However, nightly spraying of the entire department was continued. Flies were bothersome in the summer months, but there were no cases of food poisoning.

The crew's scullery was equipped with two electric dishwashers of New Zealand manufacture, while the scullery in the locale of the officers'

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and nurses' wardroom was equipped with one dishwasher of U.S. manufacture.

The galleys, special diet kitchen, mess halls, sculleries and refrigeration spaces were always in excellent sanitary condition.

A chief commissary steward assisted the Commissary Officer in inspecting all foods being delivered by local contractors. Only a few rejections of milk were experienced.

PARAGRAPH TEN (10)

WATER

The city water supply was adequate. During the dry Summer months, the sprinkling of lawns and gardens was prohibited, but sufficient water was always on hand in case of fire. There were, however, no fires.

PARAGRAPH ELEVEN (11).

TOILET AND BATHING FACILITIES

In the Chief Petty Officers' quarters, with twenty one bunks to each barracks, there were four water closets, two showers, and four wash basins. In the remainder of the crew's quarters, with 44 bunks in each barracks, there were four water closets, one urinal, two showers, and eight wash basins. For each standard ward of fifty beds there were four water closets, one shower booth with two shower heads, one tub, and four wash basins. This arrangement adequately served the needs of both patients and crew.

PARAGRAPH TWELVE (12).

DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE, GARBAGE, AND REFUSE

All sanitary sewers emptied into the sewage system of the city of Auckland, which served satisfactorily from every viewpoint. Garbage and refuse was disposed of at two disposal sites, operated by the city, and located two and six miles from the Hospital, respectively.

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PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN (13). LAUNDRY AND STERILIZING APPARATUS

Since the last report the laundry was placed in full operation. Twenty-seven civilians were employed to operate the laundry under the supervision of the maintenance officer. The laundry equipment was considered sufficient and was in excellent operating condition. The sterilizing apparatus for operating rooms and the various departments as described in the previous report remain the same and have been highly satisfactory. The mattress sterilizer was never constructed.

PARAGRAPH FOURTEEN (14). METHODS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THE SICK AND INJURED

Only three International Field Ambulances were furnished to the Hospital. These proved adequate to transport stretcher and emergency cases due to the fact that the great majority of patients were ambulatory. These ambulances, however, are rough riding and are expensive to operate. A lighter and more spacious type of ambulance is more desirable in a city where there are well paved streets.

Ambulatory patients were transported by chartered buses, each carrying from 20 to 40 men. These were readily available on short notice.

Additional field ambulances will be provided for use by the time the hospital is set up again. These will be slightly larger, permitting an attendant to care for patients enroute if necessary.

PARAGRAPH FIFTEEN (15). PERSONNEL OF HOSPITAL

The number of medical and dental officers has been adequate and their work has been very satisfactory. The work of the Hospital Corps Officers was very satisfactory, but at least two additional officers to assist in Property and Accounting and in Personnel would make for better

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efficiency.

The number of Hospital Corpsmen was usually about 18% under authorized complement. The number of non-medical personnel was usually about 39% under complement. This latter shortage necessitated the use of hospital corpsmen in the maintenance and commissary departments. The work of the enlisted personnel was very satisfactory.

Civilian employees were a bit difficult to obtain due to existing manpower shortages, but sufficient men and women were eventually hired. Their work was satisfactory. Only a few proved unsuitable and these were discharged.

PARAGRAPH SIXTEEN (16). MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Due to the fact that practically all patients were on the neuro-psychiatric service, only one ward was necessary to care for those patients on the medical service. This ward contained 49 beds, including 3 beds in quiet rooms.

Many patients were seen and examined in consultation with the surgical and neuro-psychiatric services. Thus, in spite of the small number of "Medical" patients, this service was very active.

No basal metabolism machine was available, otherwise the facilities for the efficient operation of the medical department were very adequate.

One ward with quiet rooms was constructed especially for communicable diseases, but, as no such cases were admitted, the ward was never placed in commission.

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PARAGRAPH SEVENTEEN (17). SURGICAL DEPARTMENT

The two main general operating rooms and the orthopedic operating room were never completely equipped and were therefore never used as operating rooms. These operating rooms were never completed because it was felt that such large facilities would not be necessary when only neuro-psychiatric patients were being admitted. Also, the war was moving out of the South Pacific area and in a relatively short time patients would be sent elsewhere and the hospital would close.

During the period from 1 January, 1944 to 10 May, 1944, when the activity ceased to function as a hospital, fifty-three (53) operations were performed. These were done in the Eye-Ear-Nose-&-Throat operating room, which was spacious and well equipped for any major operation.

The surgical patients were cared for in one ward, where facilities for post-operative care were very satisfactory.

PARAGRAPH EIGHTEEN (18). LABORATORY

At time of this report, the hospital is in an ordinary commission status and the laboratory supplies, equipment and records are crated and stored in storehouses and therefore a detailed summary of work is not available.

The laboratory was housed in two rooms - one 30 x 18 ft., and the other 18 x 10 feet. This latter room was used as an office. The laboratory was adequate and was well equipped. There was hot and cold water, large sinks, 220 Volt and 110 Volt current, gas stove and large refrigerator.

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All types of examinations were done including Hoematology, Malariology, Parasitology, Serology, clinical chemistry, Blood chemistry, Pathology and Bacteriology.

PARAGRAPH NINETEEN (19). SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS

E.E.N.T. This department has functioned very well. The operating room was also used by general surgery and has proven adequate. The clinics are well equipped. Many refractions were done and patients were able to obtain glasses in the city of Auckland through Ship's Service at reduced prices. Many consultations were held but a detailed summary of work is not available because the records are crated and stored.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT. X-Ray supplies and equipment have been ample. Equipment included one (1) two hundred (200) MA, Shockproof radiographic and fluoroscopic unit, and two (2) twenty (20) MA portable units. The rooms were spacious and ample space was provided for offices and waiting room. The records of examinations and treatments are not available because files are crated and stored.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT. Since last report the dental department spaces were enlarged and the prosthetic laboratory relocated in larger and more suitable rooms. The equipment was ample. The following is a summary of treatments given during a period of four months and ten days which this report covers.

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Total number of sittings	3761
Amalgams	1910
Silicates	341
Extractions	589
Prosthetic Dental treatment	75

PARAGRAPH TWENTY (20). MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND DENTAL SUPPLIES

The supply of Medical, Surgical and Dental Supplies has been adequate and the allowance sufficient.

PARAGRAPH TWENTY-ONE (21). DISPOSITION OF DEAD

There was one death. Preparation and burial was done by local contract undertaker. Burial made locally in New Zealand cemetery in a special section set aside for the U.S. Forces. The morgue intended for this activity was not completed.

PARAGRAPH TWENTY-TWO (22). GENERAL HYGIENIC CONSIDERATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

General hygienic conditions of the crew and patients were excellent and there were no epidemics. There are no suggestions necessary for the improvement of sanitation and hygiene. Galleys, mess halls and diet kitchens are screened, and these spaces are sprayed regularly with insecticide. Food handlers are inspected regularly.

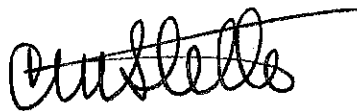
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To : The Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.
Via : (1) The Commander U.S. Naval Advanced Base, Navy-131.
(2) The Commander South Pacific Force.(Force Medical Officer).
(3) The Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Annual Sanitary Report.
References: (a) Para. 2698, Manual of the Medical Department.
(b) Para. 2701, Manual of the Medical Department.
(c) Bu.M&S Ltr. A9-1P2-6(113), of 25 November, 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Subject named report.

1. The Annual Sanitary Report of the U.S. Fleet Hospital Number 106 for the year 1944 is forwarded herewith.



C. W. STELLE

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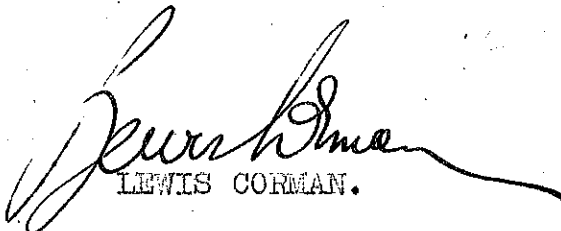
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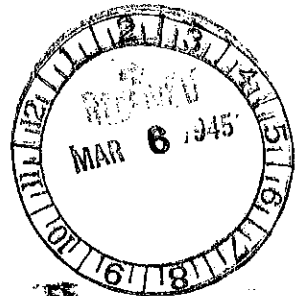
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From: Commander South Pacific Area and Force.
To : Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.
Via : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

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